TOWN OF BURRILLVILLE
LIBRARY BUILDING COMMITTEE
MEETING MINUTES

REGULAR MEETING of the Burrillville Library Building Committee held Wednesday, September 14, 2005 at 6:00 P.M. at the Jesse M. Smith Memorial Library, 144 Main Street, Harrisville, RI.

MEMBERS PRESENT: Victor D. Antoniello, Michael A. Caron, David C. Ketcham,

G. Wayne Miller, James H. Moran and Robert J. Martel

**MEMBERS ABSENT: None** 

EX OFFICIO MEMBER ABSENT: William A. Andrews, Town Councilor

OTHERS PRESENT: Randy Collins, Liz Greaves, Jay Litman, Karen Mellor, Sandra Mundy, Pamela Choi Redfern, Bernadette Schuster

The meeting was called to order at 6:10 P.M. by Antoniello, Committee Chair

### I. PUBLIC COMMENT

None

### II. APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES

A motion was made by Miller and seconded by Ketcham to approve the minutes, with minor typographical corrections, from the meeting on 8-25-2005. With no further discussion, the vote in favor was unanimous.

## III. CONSIDER AND ACT UPON CORRESSPONDENCE

## 1. Invoice from Monica Riffle, Clerk to the Committee

A motion was made by Ketcham and seconded by Miller to approve payment for the invoice submitted by Monica Riffle, Clerk to the Committee. With no further discussion, the vote in favor was unanimous.

# 2. Letter of resignation from Brian P. Lanoie

A motion was made by Moran and seconded by Martel to receive and file with gratitude a letter of resignation from Brian P. Lanoie. With no further discussion, the vote in favor was unanimous.

### IV. LIBRARY FUNDRAISING COMMITTEE

Ketcham reported news from the Fundraising Committee that they are pursuing the possibility that Hasbro, Inc. may be a source of grant funding for the library project.

#### V. PRESENTATION TO THE TOWN COUNCIL

Antoniello suggested the presentation to the Town Council be not more than 10 to 15 minutes long and should include an update on the current status of the project and a summary of the current cost estimate and revenue sources. The focus for the request of additional funding for the project will be on the exorbitant site development costs which are not exclusive to the library project. Development of the site will progress the Town's implementation of its overall Master Plan and revitalization of the Stillwater Mill Complex.

Karen Mellor, of OLIS, offered to prepare a summary of the division breakdown for OLIS reimbursement if given updated estimates from Litman. Litman agreed he would get those figures to Mellor. Mellor emphasized to the committee that for approval of partial reimbursement of the project by OLIS, evidence of full coverage for the entire cost of the project must first be in place. Mellor indicated that a letter from Town Council agreeing to pick up the additional costs not covered by the bond or by grants would be sufficient for approval by OLIS. Similarly, a letter from Champlin stating the amount of award granted (if the project is indeed awarded a grant) would satisfy OLIS requirements as well.

VI. NEWPORT COLLABORATIVE ARCHITECTS, INC., Jay Litman, AIA

## 1. Rhode Island Historic Preservation Commission

Jay Litman and Tom Kravitz met with Ric Greenwood and Ted Sanderson of the RIHPHC on September 6, 2005 and submitted a Section 106 Report to them on September 13, 2005. The report identifies why there is no adverse effect to taking down the dilapidated mill buildings and economically prohibitive to renovate those buildings. A copy of the Section 106 Report was received into the official record for this committee.

- 2. NCA met with Pascoag Electric, Verizon and Cox on September 9, 2005 to coordinate utility pole connections. Antoniello asked NCA about what appeared to him to be an additional manhole and about the underground duct lines. NCA indicated the duct lines may not be in concrete casing and that the manhole is not new, it is a part of the original plan.
- 3. NCA met with Rich Bernardo on September 13, 2005 to discuss the role of the Burrillville Department of Public Works Department in the site preparation work. Bernardo agreed that the DPW would be willing and able to do this work as a sub-contractor for the contractor awarded the project.
- 4. On September 13, 2005 NCA submitted a complete package to the Planning Board for review at their meeting on October 3, 2005.

VII. GATES, LEIGHTON & ASSOCIATES, Landscape Architect, Randy Collins

Collins reviewed for the committee the entire proposed landscape rendering for the library. He indicated the street lights along the roadway and parking lot would be ornamental, likely something leaning toward an industrial style. The sidewalks and paved areas around the library will be concrete and in order to add some variety, the paved area at the entrance to the library will be exposed aggregate concrete. Collins reviewed the different types of plantings and lighting that will surround the building in order to provide the most visually pleasing effect to the building and surrounding areas. The riverside railing will be steel with wood cap finials. Collins is hopeful that large chunks of granite will be found in the demolition of the site that can be used as benches in outdoor areas. Collins indicated that the versa lock wall that will separate the library from the Millhouse restaurant area cannot be stepped in increments. In order to break up the large wall, Collins proposed building a staircase into the wall from the library to the restaurant. The committee questioned if the Millhouse restaurant building owner might be willing to absorb some of the costs associated with building the steps. Collins agreed to discuss this with him. Stairs will also lead from the library to the crosswalk at East Avenue.

**GENERAL DISCUSSION OF THE PROJECT** 

The committee agreed that a meeting with Town Council would likely be on October 26, 2005. NCA is going to continue to work on a model of the library to assist with the visual presentation to the Town Council. The committee asked Litman to provide a cost analysis comparing the cost of building on a "clean site" versus building on this one which requires so much demolition and utility infrastructure. The committee agreed to meet again on Wednesday, October 5, 2005 at 6:00 P.M. and will determine the meeting place after checking room

## VIII. ADJOURNMENT

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A motion was made by Ketcham and seconded by Martel to adjourn the meeting at 7:45 P.M. With no further discussion the vote in favor was unanimous.

Information relating to the meeting is on file with the record of the minutes in the office of the Town Clerk.

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Monica L. Riffle, Clerk to the Committee	
Approved by	
Library Building Committee Member	

Date Approved	
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